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HARRISBURG --Pennsylvania's 1999 production of corn for grain, tobacco, and potatoes is expected to be below last year based on November 1 conditions, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn for grain production is forecast at 80.3 million bushels, 31 percent less than last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 1,030,000 with an average yield of 78 bushels per acre, 33 bushels per acre less than last year.

Maryland-type tobacco grown in Pennsylvania is forecast at 5.25 million pounds, 16 percent less than last year. Acreage for harvest is expected to be 3,000 with an average yield of 1,750 pounds per acre. Pennsylvania-type tobacco is forecast at 5.92 million pounds, 37 percent below 1998. Acreage for harvest is expected to be 3,200 with an average yield of 1,850 pounds per acre.

Potato production is forecast at 3.08 million cwt., 8 percent less than last year. Acreage for harvest is expected to be 14,000 with an average yield of 220 cwt. per acre.

United States' corn for grain production is forecast at 9.54 billion bushels, 1 percent above the October 1 forecast but down 2 percent from 1998. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 134.5 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushels from last month and up 0.1 bushel from a year ago. If realized, this would be the third largest production and the second highest yield on record. Acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 70.9 million acres, unchanged from last month and down 2 percent from 1998.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.67 billion bushels, down 1 percent from October 1 and down 2 percent from last year's record of 2.74 billion bushels. The yield, forecast at 36.7 bushels per acre, decreased 0.3 bushel from last month and is 2.2 bushels below the 1998 final yield. Acreage for harvest is estimated at a record 72.8 million acres, unchanged from October 1, but up 3 percent from 1998.

All tobacco production for 1999 is forecast at 1.27 billion pounds, down 14 percent from 1998. Harvested acres are estimated at 649,140 acres, 10 percent below last year. Yields for 1999 are expected to average 1,956 pounds per acre, 105 pounds below the average for 1998.

Fall potato production is forecast at 481 million cwt., up 1.2 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 1.35 million acres, is down 2.8 percent from last year. The average yield is projected at 357 cwt. per acre, up 14 cwt. from last year.